

CITIZENS' EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

<p>MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION</p>

**Friday, March 11, 2005
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**City of San Diego - MOC II
(Metro Operations Center)
9192 Topaz Way
Conference Room 2C
(Second Floor)
San Diego, CA 92123**

ATTENDANCE: Dan Salas (Chair), Brad Barnum, Eileen Chaske, Art Cribbs, Audie de Castro, Sarah Young

CITY STAFF: Stacey Stevenson, EOC; Susan Cola, City Attorney's Office
Marie Wright-Travis, City Attorney's Office

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chairperson Salas.

Item 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Today's agenda was unanimously approved.

Item 3: PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

Item 4: FOLLOW-UP and REVIEW Commission Work Plan:

Set Priorities:

The Commission expressed interest in learning more about the history of equal opportunity, leading up to Proposition 209: why the proposition came to be and what has happened since, including a discussion of what other agencies have done.

Consideration was given to holding a four hour Saturday seminar on the above subject matter. Commissioners expressed interest in hearing from former Police Chief David Bejarano, current Police Chief Lansdowne, and Civil Service Commissioners Danny Eaton and Delia Talamantez.

Consideration was also given to hosting a conference with such possible keynote speakers as Ward Connerly and Connie Rice. In preparation for both, Attorney Susan Cola will present an in-house primer on Proposition 209 at the April, 2005 CEOC special session.

Also of note, the Commission debriefed on the presentation they received from City Attorney Mike Aguirre at their March 2, 2005 regular business meeting. Commissioner Cribbs encouraged the Commission to follow-up on Mr. Aguirre's pledge to create a Civil Rights Unit.

Finally, it was noted that the Police Department Liaison subcommittee will attempt to meet with Police Chief Lansdowne again.

Holding of Public Forums, Districts 4 and 5:

Public Forums: After discussion, it was decided by the Commission that the Council District 4 public forum would be held later in the year, in either August or September. Staff will look into inviting a representative of the Council office to a future Commission meeting to discuss forum content.

The District 5 public forum is to occur in May, 2005. During a discussion of possible meeting locations, Commissioner Art Cribbs expressed interest in holding the meeting in one of the more diverse parts of Council District 5, such as Mira Mesa. Staff will work with Commission Sarah Young on publicity and will reserve a space at a City recreation center. Direction was also given to bring hand outs on the Commission to the district forum.

Item 5: ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.